

IN BRIEF

Pearl Harbor to hold Y2K virtual town hall meeting

Sailors, civilian employees and family members are encouraged to take part in a Y2K Virtual Town Hall Meeting 7-9 a.m. on June 15. This forum is designed to educate people about Y2K and its possible impact on professional and personal lives.

Sailors, civilian employees and family members can participate by visiting Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor or the Volcano Room at the Makalapa compound BOQ. The Program will also be carried live on the Navy Channel (Oceanic channel 2 on the Pearl Harbor Naval complex or in Navy family housing around Oahu). Participants will also be able to ask questions about how the Navy is preparing for Y2K via phone, fax or email.

PSD sets ID card schedule for frocked Sailors

PSD Pearl Harbor released a schedule for issuing new I.D. cards for frocked Sailors, to avoid long waiting lines.

June 11: UIC's 00038-20996

June 14: UIC's 21024-21692

June 15: UIC's 21693-32253

June 16: UIC's 33011-46424

June 17: UIC's 46571-69064

Sailors should bring a copy of their frocking letter and page 13.

Sailors may also obtain new I.D. cards at CSD Wahiawa, CSD Kaneohe Bay, Hickam Air Force Base, Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks. Selectees obtaining I.D. cards at these sites should forward the required page 13 to PSD Pearl Harbor via their Pass Liaison Representative.

Spike Lee to shoot Navy recruiting commercial on Oahu

Director Spike Lee and his film production company, 40 Acres and A Mule, will be on island June 14-16 to shoot the final of six commercials for Navy Recruiting Command.

The commercials, which use actual Sailors and not actors to tell the Navy Story, focus on shipboard life, homecoming, Navy SEALs, education and life after the Navy. An audition was held yesterday at the Naval Station Training Facility for Sailors who wish to "star" in the final commercial, which will feature travel in the Navy.

The travel commercial will be shot at scenic sites around Oahu and at Pearl Harbor.

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Comings and goings

VP-4 returns home

By Lt.j.g. Luke Hofacker
VP-4

The end of deployment signifies different things for a Navy family. For the personnel of Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4), it means the conclusion of operations at the "tip of the spear."

For little Taylor, 5-month old daughter of Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Frees, it has a deeper meaning. "Daddy's coming home!"

Filled with excitement and jubilation, the Skinny Dragon family members eagerly awaited their loved ones' return from six months of arduous work overseas. Beginning on June 1, Skinny Dragon personnel began arriving at their new home on board Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, after being deployed to Diego Garcia and other sites around the globe for the past six months. Skinny Dragon One, Commanding Officer Cmdr. McWilliam "Mac" Bollman Jr., arrived with the last of the VP-4 Skinny Dragons when his P-3 landed today.

The squadron departed Naval Air Station Barber's Point for Diego Garcia in early December 1998 under the command of Cmdr. Scott Jasper. In March 1999, Bollman assumed command, and Cmdr. Craig Whitaker

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Plane Captain AMSAN Jeremy Widmann of Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit Two (VPU-2) signals to the crew of Patrol Squadron 47 (VP-47), as the P-3C Orion taxis down the runway for takeoff. VP-47, the last operational squadron to leave NAS Barbers Point, began its six month deployment to Japan last Sunday.

Golden Swordsmen deploy, bid farewell to NAS Barbers Point

By Lt. Dominic Caronello
VP-47

The Golden Swordsmen of Patrol Squadron 47 (VP-47) departed Naval Air Station Barbers Point last Sunday for a six month deployment to Japan.

Their departure also wrote a page in the final chapter of the base's distinguished history, as the last operational squadron to leave NAS Barbers Point.

Under the bright West Oahu skies, the mood of the morning did not differ significantly from deployments past. Teary-eyed family members

watched as their loved ones gathered up their bags and boarded the P-3 Orion in route to the Far East, not to be seen for six months.

Despite the seemingly routine nature of the morning, VP-47 Executive Officer Cmdr. Greg "Slim" Wittman

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Pacific Fleet

ONE on ONE

Rear Adm. Justin D. McCarthy
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This is part two of two of an interview with Rear Adm. McCarthy. He reported to his position at the U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters in January 1998. A Supply Corps Officer, McCarthy was commissioned as an Ensign in the Supply Corps in 1969. He is a native of Auburn Hills, Mich.

What is Continuous Integrated Logistics Support (CILS)? How does it work?

CILS represents a fundamental shift from our old policy of conducting a bow to stern review of our ship load lists each time a ship goes into overhaul to a continuous review of our load lists on a cyclical basis. Under CILS our type commands, Integrated Logistics Overhead Team (ILO) and Naval Sea Systems Command schedule reviews of tailored segments of each ship's load as time and availabilities permit. CILS was a concept originated in the Pacific Fleet ILO Team about two years ago and now has been adopted Navy-wide.

How will supply centers and departments benefit from CILS?

The main beneficiaries of CILS are our afloat units. The workload on our afloat Sailors is reduced since we are taking small bites of the validation challenge rather than trying to "eat the whole elephant" at once. This approach also allows us to focus on the segments of our load lists where we suspect

there may be likely problems. Doing so in manageable increments allows us to immediately improve our configuration databases and our load lists and provide improved spare parts support afloat.

What are Subsistence Prime Vendors (SPVs)? Why have SPVs?

A better question is what are Prime Vendor arrangements. The Subsistence Prime Vendor is merely one example of a prime vendor relationship, albeit one that has received a great deal of visibility and positive feedback from our Fleet units. What Prime Vendor arrangements do is establish contracts that allow the commercial sector to directly provide support to military customers. By using these vendors we get access to a wider range of items, get faster delivery and get the savings attributable to eliminating the need for the Navy to maintain large inventories of subsistence supplies. It really is a win-win solution for our Navy customers and the Department of Defense as a whole.

Where are they being implemented?

SPVs were initially established to support CONUS-based military galleys. In April 1998, we started implementing SPV for afloat units, beginning with Hawaii based ships. San Diego and Pacific Northwest followed suit June 1, 1998. With the most recent expansion of SPV in Japan, implemented March 1, 1999, we now have SPV contracts in all CONUS and overseas homeports. By June, Korea will be added to the list of SPV supported locations as well.

What are some of the differences be-

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Military's greatest philanthropist dies

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The military services lost one its staunchest supporters when Zachery Fisher, the military's most generous philanthropist who made donations of more than \$15 million, died last Friday.

Flags at all U.S. military installations around the world were lowered to half-staff Monday in honor of Fisher.

During the last two decades, Fisher and his wife Elizabeth, helped families in need by establishing the Fisher House. The program provides low-cost housing for active duty and retired servicemembers who reside off-island and are visiting family members at major military medical facilities and for Veterans Administration medical centers. One of the 25 Fisher House facilities is located at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Fisher Houses are spread out throughout the country providing critical support to military families in need. Also, the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Armed Services Foundation provided schol-

arships to more than 700 armed services personnel and their families.

The range of their contributions is wide reaching. The Fishers pledged \$1.4 million dollars for the establishment of a child care center at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, California, and in 1978 founded the USS Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City.

Through Fisher's efforts, the World War II era, battle-scarred aircraft carrier Intrepid was saved from the scrap yard and became the cornerstone of the Museum that plays host to the decommissioned submarine USS Growler, and the decommissioned destroyer USS Edson. The Intrepid Museum complex now hosts more than 500,000 visitors of all ages from around the world.

Fisher's contributions touched many servicemembers lives and helped many Department of Defense programs through the last two decades. In 1995 and 1998 President Clinton presented Fisher with the Presidential Citizen's Medal, and the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.